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and Bruce Bernstein, during the personal Examiner Interview conducted on January 22, 2003, and the follow-up telephonic Examiner Interview conducted on January 23, 2003. During these Examiner Interviews, Examiner Peyton agreed to enter the claims presented in the instant Supplemental Amendment, and to re-evaluate the patentability of these claims.

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may best be resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Applicant believes that the instant Supplemental Amendment is timely filed and, thus, should not incur government fees for an extension of time. Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-2372.

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